

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The spatula 18 has a top surface 20 which is formed into a roughened area 22. Roughened area ~~32~~ 22 comprises a mass of evenly spaced apart recesses which is ~~clearing~~ clearly shown in Figures 1 and 2. Each recess has a closed bottom. The spatula 18 has a scooping edge or leading edge 24 which is formed into a series of scallops 26. The scallops 26 are rounded, smoothly contoured, bumps not having any sharp edges. ~~Each recess has a closed bottom.~~ The scallops 26 facilitates the slipping of the scooping edge 24 beneath a quantity of pet litter 28, as is shown in Figure 3, because of the smooth, arcuate front surface of the scallops. The scooping direction is depicted by arrow 30. When performing of the scooping, the user's hand 32 and arm 34 are located within the internal chamber 36 of the bag 11. The user's hand is to be used to grasp onto a graspable handle 38 which is mounted integrally to and extending from rear edge 40 of the spatula 18. It is to be noted that the thickness of the spatula 18 is constant, but actually could vary. The user has the option, when manually grasping of the graspable handle 38, to cause the spatula 18 to manually deform to an arcuate configuration, such as is shown in Figure 6. Also, by the user pressing down against the surface 42, the spatula 18 can assume a flush position with the surface 42, as is shown in Figure 7. This is to facilitate the picking up of the pet litter 28.--